

*The Budget—Mr. Studer*

Then, we have other historical sites in that area, but it would take too long to describe them. You will have to come out there and see it for yourselves. We are having an old timers' reunion, where all of those who have been in that country for 65 years will be having a celebration, such as has never been seen in any other part of Canada during that period of time.

It is the greatest country in the west. And we have something more than that. We have beards out there in southwest Saskatchewan. Yes, we have beards. The he-men in Swift Current and in Maple Creek have beards such as you have never seen since the days of the apostles. We are known as the original bearded city of Swift Current, and the practice originated a number of years ago.

And there was a purpose in growing beards, because beards are important in that country. In fact, beards have been important since the creation of man. The downfall of man began when he became smooth-shaven. If you will read your history, particularly your biblical history, you will find one thing, dating back to the time of Samson, who, when his hair was shorn, lost his strength and was captured by his enemies, and was destroyed.

I think we should be on our guard, as we are in Swift Current-Maple Creek, in regard to what is going to happen to mankind if we continue as we have been doing in the past. Because as man became clean-shaven, and as he lost his luxurious beard, he lost his virility and masculinity, and man began to decline. And then it was the woman's influence began to rise. And if this situation continues we are going to be dominated by women.

Why, we see the day coming right here in the House of Commons; there are four of them here already. We will be exactly like some of the aboriginal tribes, where the men are cast aside—well, no, they are not cast aside; they have to do the work. Can you imagine anything worse than that? And the day is coming when we will be treated just the same as the male bees in a beehive—we will be worthless.

So, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that it is not only a local problem—this problem of beards—but that it is a world problem. And, you know, if you go through history you will find that all the conquering tribes were bearded. And what I am worried about is the number of people in Russia who are growing beards. I suggest we should give this serious consideration. But the men of Swift Current and Maple Creek have found the answer because they have placed man back in his proper position. For whoever heard of a woman with her lovely complexion, when she

snuggles up and gets the feeling of those bushy whiskers—why, they become absolutely helpless. Because they are in the hands of man, from that time on, and they will never have anything further to do with the Schick-shaver, or a slick-shaver, man.

The only reason I, representing Swift Current-Maple Creek, have not grown a beard is that I am just too busy being a member of parliament to always have to carry a stick around to keep the women away. So, on July 1, on to Swift Current-Maple Creek in Saskatchewan. Every member in the House of Commons is invited, and people from the rest of Canada; and you will come back from there feeling that the trip was justified. You are invited to come out to that country, where men are men and women are women—and if there is any difference, thank the Lord for it.

While I am speaking on the subject of western Canada I would like to say this, that each one of us who believes in modern progress has appreciated the advent of television in our midst. I understand it is the purpose of television that it shall be a boon to mankind in any particular area of the country, and that those who are deprived of the benefits of this service will not be in a position to maintain the high standard of education and the full enjoyment of culture and religion experienced by the other areas in the country having it.

Swift Current-Maple Creek will be deficient in the matter of television service. I understand that the higher the television tower is, the farther the telecast beams are transmitted. In any case, we have the highest altitude of any area in Saskatchewan. I believe it is between 3,000 and 4,000 feet. And by putting a thousand-foot television tower in our area we could beam telecasts all over the province of Saskatchewan.

I think the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation would do well to put a station there, and if they did we could service all the people in the province. While that has not happened yet, there is still time to have that service in that area of the country. I think we should adopt the principle whereby, when any member of parliament can show that a television station can give television service to cover a hundred thousand people, the C.B.C. and the government should give serious consideration to giving service to that number of people. We can do that in Swift Current-Maple Creek even though that country is sparsely settled because we have sufficient height of land and the beam will cover the whole constituency which is 300 miles from one corner to the other. It will service half the constituency